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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT IN TANEY COUNTY UTILITIES CORPORATION RATE CASES

Jefferson City (May 14, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement authorizing the Taney County Utilities Corporation to increase water and sewer revenues for service rendered on and after May 17, 2004.

Under the agreement, Taney County Utilities Corporation will increase annual water revenues by approximately \$15,300 and annual sewer revenues by approximately \$4,970. When the water and sewer company filed its rate request on November 4, 2002, it sought to increase annual water revenues by approximately \$84,440 a year and sewer revenues by approximately \$14,094 a year.

The PSC Staff conducted a thorough audit of the books and records of Taney County Utilities Corporation. Based on that audit, Staff recommended an increase of approximately \$15,300 in annual water revenues and approximately \$4,970 in annual sewer revenues. For a residential water customer using approximately 6,000 gallons of water a month, water bills will increase from \$21.80 a month to \$25.52 a month under the agreement. For a residential sewer customer with the same monthly usage, sewer bills will increase from \$17.44 a month to \$31.69 a month.

The agreement approved by the Commission was submitted by the Taney County Utilities Corporation and the PSC Staff. On May 10, 2004, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a recommendation indicating it did not oppose the proposed agreement. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public before the Public Service Commission.

Taney County Utilities Corporation serves approximately 510 water customers and 60 sewer customers near Branson, Missouri.

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Case No. WR-2004-0450, et al.